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September 12, 2002 - UNF Plans 30th Anniversary Events

UNF UNVEILS PLANS FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JACKSONVILLE -- A week-long series of events culminating in a keynote address by a noted educator will mark the 30th anniversary celebration at the University of North Florida.

The observance begins Wednesday, Oct. 2 in a ceremony featuring Dr. Thomas Carpenter, the first president of UNF. Carpenter supervised the hiring of the charter faculty and staff as well as the construction of the first buildings on campus. He was UNF's president from 1969 to 1980. Carpenter will address faculty, staff and students at 10 a.m. on the University Green.

On Thursday, Oct. 3, the Hayt Golf Learning Center will be officially dedicated.

The \$2 million Center, which is located on a 38-acre parcel on the southeast part of campus adjacent to J. Turner Butler Boulevard, features a driving range, three regulation distance golf holes and an 8,000 square-foot educational facility. The facility is available for use by UNF students, faculty, staff and the general public. The ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m., will feature John and Gerri Hayt for whom the center is named.

On Friday, Oct. 4, the annual University Convocation will begin at 11 a.m. with a "State of the University" address by Interim President Dr. David Kline. A picnic on the University Green will follow.

Also on Friday, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian ambassador to the Ukraine, will speak at 3 p.m. in the Stein Auditorium of the College of Business Administration. This will be his first public appearance since participating in the summit between President George Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin at the White House earlier in the week.

Basketball fans will enjoy Saturday's event, a scrimmage by the Orlando Magic at 6:30 p.m. in the UNF Arena. The Magic scrimmage will culminate a week-long training camp at UNF. Admission is free for the event.

On Sunday, Oct. 6 anniversary events include a concert and a football game. Music Department Chair Dr. Gary Smart and Aida Ribero will perform a two-piano recital at 3 p.m. in the fine Arts Center's Small Recital Hall. Admission is free.

At the same time, football fans will gather for "UNF Day" at the Jaguars game. A tailgate party will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m.. The party, which is free to alumni, will be at River City Parking on Tallyrand Avenue near the Alltel Stadium. To purchase special tickets for the game against the Philadelphia Eagles, call the UNF Alumni Association at 620-4723

On Monday the MP3 Tour, sponsored by Osprey Productions, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the University Green.

That evening Tres Vidas (Three Stories) a theatrical production that tells the stories of three extraordinary women who share Latin roots, will be presented at 7 p.m. in the UNF Fine Arts Center's Small Recital Hall. Admission is free. The event is co-sponsored by UNF's Hispanic Council, Academic Affairs, Multicultural Affairs, and Women's Center.

The keynote address for the anniversary celebration will be delivered Wednesday, Oct. 9. Jaime Escalante, a Los Angeles high school teacher whose success in teaching calculus to inner-city students inspired a book and a movie, will discuss educating in a multicultural environment. His address will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the main ballroom of the UNF University Center off Kernan Boulevard. Tickets are free and can be reserved by calling 620-2878.

Escalante's story was immortalized in the book *Escalante: The Best Teacher in America* and in the subsequent movie *Stand and Deliver*. In 1999, he was officially inducted into the Teachers Hall of Fame. The event is free but tickets are required by calling 620-2878. The event is sponsored by Bell South.

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30th ANNIVERSARY WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

30TH Anniversary Opening Ceremony - 10 a.m. - University Green

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

Hayt Golf Learning Center Dedication – 10 a.m. – Hayt Center

FRIDAY, OCT 4

University Convocation – 11 a.m. UNF Theater

Convocation Picnic – Noon – University Green

Russian Ambassador – 3 p.m. – Stein Auditorium, Business Adm.

SATURDAY, OCT 5

Orlando Magic Scrimmage – 6:30 p.m. – UNF Arena

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Aida Ribiero & Gary Smart Piano Recital – 3 p.m. – UNF Fine Arts Center

UNF Jaguars Game Tailgate Party, River City Parking, , 2 – 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 7

MP3 Tour – 10 a.m. – UNF Green

"Tres Vidas" performance – 7 p.m. – UNF Fine Arts Center

WEDNESDAY, OCT 9

Club Fest – UNF Green

BellSouth Lecture – Jaime Escalante – 7:30 p.m. – University Center

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